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Classified By: DCM Susan L. Ziadeh for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

(C) Poloff March 11 delivered points in Ref A along with the NGO guiding principles (Ref B) in both English and Arabic to MFA Bilateral Affairs Officer Arwa Hassan Al Sayed. She expressed her appreciation for receiving the principles and said that she would pass the points to Assistant Undersecretary for Coordination and Follow Up Shaikh Abdul Aziz Bin Mubarak Al Khalifa and circulate them to other concerned officers in the Ministry. In the context of the principles, Poloff encouraged continued progress toward a welcoming climate for civil society and increasing freedom for NGOs and their activities.

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